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FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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AMEMBASSY MBABANE

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, PINS, PORS, MZ

SUBJECT: CONTINUING INDISCIPLINE IN MOZAMBIQUE POLICE

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY VARIETY OF SOURCES THAT
ARBITRARY ARRESTS, BEATING UP, AND HARASSMENTS OF RESIDENTS
OF MAPUTO BY MOZAMBIQUE POLICE CONTINUE. ONE SOURCE, QUOTING
A CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH A SENIOR GPRM OFFICIAL, STATED
THAT INTERIOR MINISTER GUEBUZA HIMSELF IS AT A LOSS AND CAN-
NOT DEAL WITH THE POLICE. HE ALLEGED THAT EACH POLICE STATION
IS RUN AS A PETTY KINGDOM BY ITS OFFICERS AND MEN, WHO ESSENTIALLY
DO AS THEY PLEASE. HE CITED THREE INSTANCES IN LAST FEW WEEKS
WHERE GUEBUZA PERSONALLY HAD TO GO TO POLICE STATIONS AND EFFECT
RELEASE OF IMPORTANT PEOPLE ARBITRARILY DETAINED BY LOCAL
POLICE, WHO HAD IGNORED TELEPHONE INSTRUCTIONS TO RELEASE THE
PERSON. ON OTHER HAND, SEVERAL CONTACTS HAVE NOTED THAT

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ARMY DISCIPLINE HAS IMPROVED.

2. A RECENT TRAVELLER TO THE NORTH OF MOZAMBIQUE, WHO SPOKE WITH SENIOR FRELIMO OFFICIALS INCLUDING PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, STATED THE SITUATION IN THE NORTH IS APPROACHING ANARCHY. THE PARTY MILITANTS ARE DISCOURAGED, THE PEOPLE DISGRUNTLED, AND THE ARMY AND POLICE COMMANDERS AND PARTY LEADERS BUSY CURRYING FAVOR WITH THE TROOPS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES, WHILE HERE ALSO THE POLICE AND TO A LESSER DEGREE SOLDIERS DO AS THEY WILL.

3. COMMENT: WHILE THESE ACCOUNTS OF POLICE ANARCHY MAY BE OVERDRAWN, IT IS CLEAR THAT THERE IS A SERIOUS LACK OF DISCIPLINE WITHIN THE POLICE AND SECURITY FORCES, THAT THERE IS NO LAW OTHER THAN GENERAL GUIDELINES AND WHATEVER THE POLICE WISH TO DO, AND THAT ARBITRARY ARRESTS OF BOTH BLACKS AND WHITES ARE CONTINUING.
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